# AGGREGATE RESOURCE TASK FORCE

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# **OVERVIEW**

- MACPZA legislative initiatives
- County examples

#### MACPZA WHO?

MACPZA (Minnesota Association of County Planning & Zoning Administrators) was formed in 1973 to offer a platform for county planning and zoning administrators to share ideas and promote land use planning.

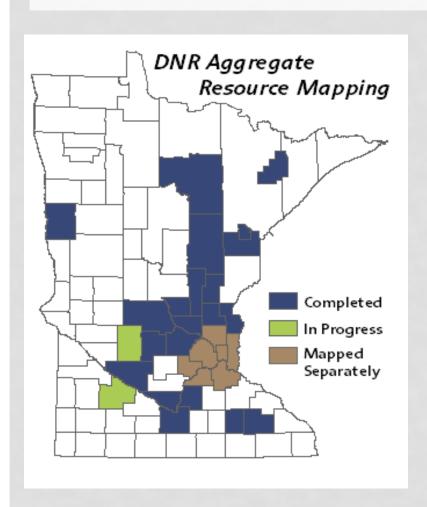
The organization also provides a program of continuing education and professional development for its members and provides for discussion on legislative and rule making issues.



## LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

- MACPZA supports increased state funding to accelerate the state-mapping program to accurately identify non-metallic mineral deposits that have the potential to be economically mined. This is a new priority item.
- MACPZA supports updating the Department of Natural Resource's Aggregate Mining Reclamation Manual including the development of reclamation standards for non-metallic mineral mines.

## STATUS OF MAPPING



19 completed

60 Counties to go



#### IMPORTANCE OF DATA

- Uniform source of information throughout the state
- Unbiased source of information
- Prioritize land uses
- Designate and protect areas through zoning areas that have high value aggregate resources

#### **USE CASE-STEARNS COUNTY**

- What have we learned?
  - Concentrated sources of resources
  - High to Moderate Potential area
    - Solar
    - **DWSMA**
    - > Rural housing
- Factual information for mining permit decisions
- Available on County website

#### USE CASES-LE SUEUR COUNTY

- 2007 Comp Plan- protect aggregate resources
- 2013 Mineral Resources Overlay District
  - Limit residential density
  - Setbacks to mining operation (150')
  - Significant Mineral Resource Determination before any CUP or subdivision applications
  - Land Use Notification

#### RECLAMATION HANDBOOK

- Baseline of standards
- Resources on financial guarantees
- DWSMA's
- "Interim" reclamation guidance
- Online presence
- Checklist

# QUESTIONS/CONTACT INFO

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